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can Library Association yesterday, and it seems that at that time the advisability was expressed of passing this resolution by the entire Association.

The preamble and resolutions are longer than we should like to have them, but they are long for the reason that it seemed desirable to state in some detail our reasons for the approval of the work of the office as it has been carried on under Mr Post.

The resolution recommended is as follows:

The American Library Association, with a membership of about 2,000 librarians and library trustees, representing about 800 libraries of all classes, in annual convention assembled, has learned with deep regret of the resignation of Mr William L. Post, as Superintendent of Documents, of the Government Printing Office, after a service of seventeen years in the Government Printing Office and of more than three years as Superintendent of Documents. The Association desires to go on record as heartily approving Mr Post's enlightened and progressive administration of his office, whereby he has rendered United States public documents useful to the public, through libraries, to a degree never before attained. This record has been made by Mr Post by the application of scientific cataloging methods to the documents, by the publication of the excellent monthly catalog, and by the adoption of other methods approved in commercial publishing houses for keeping the public informed of available material published by the government. The Association further desires to record its appreciation of the high value of public documents to the public, especially when intelligently administered and promptly and skilfully distributed. So important does this Association consider the efficient and intelligent distribution of documents to public libraries, that it is hereby

*Resolved*, That in filling the position of Superintendent of Documents, the Public Printer is respectfully requested and urged, in the interest of the whole American people served by libraries, to keep in mind the purpose of conducting the Office of Superintendent of Documents on a plane of highest efficiency, progress and usefulness to the public through the libraries, and, as the work of this Office is to a high degree technical, to insist upon long experience in the office or training in library work as prerequisite for appointment.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United

States, to the Public Printer, to the Chairman of the Congressional joint committee on printing, and to Mr Post.

MR LEGLER: Mr President: I desire to submit a series of resolutions by request, but I may say that they have my very hearty approval.

The resolutions recommended are as follows:

*Whereas*, The Third Assistant Postmaster General has rendered a decision to the effect that cumulative bibliographic publications will no longer be allowed second class rates of postage, and

*Whereas*, In making this decision the opinions of the three preceding officials have been overruled and reversed, it is

*Resolved*, That this Association regrets a decision which, while admitting the monthly editions of books of railway time tables, the annual editions of university catalogs, and publications consisting principally of repeated advertising matter, excludes publications that contain repeated matter of a bibliographic character; and it is further

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this organization that the existing law should be so amended that decision regarding such publications may not depend on the judgment of each succeeding executive of the Department, but that the right to the second class rate of postage may be fully, specifically and permanently established.

(The resolutions were adopted unanimously.)

THE PRESIDENT: We have now to deal with a few reports.

THE SECRETARY then read a report from the Council. (See p. 443.)

THE PRESIDENT: The report of the Committee on resolutions will now be received.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on resolutions recommends the adoption of the following minutes:

As the Thirty-first Annual Conference draws to a close, the American Library Association desires to record its sincere appreciation of the efforts of those who have contributed to make the meeting at Bretton Woods a great success, and especially to express its gratitude to the Hon. Charles R. Corning, of Concord (N. H.), the Board of trustees of the New Hamp-

shire state library, the Hon. William D. Chandler, the President of that Board; Mr Arthur H. Chase, the State librarian; Professor C. W. Colby, McGill university; Mr J. Edward Banta, Superintendent of schools, Binghamton (N. Y.), Reverend Samuel M. Crothers, Mr Everett T. Tomlinson and Mr Robert Irwin.

Respectfully submitted,

N. D. C. HODGES, Chairman

HILLER C. WELLMAN

LINDA A. EASTMAN

**THE PRESIDENT:** We shall now have the report of the Tellers of the election.

MR C. H. MILAM then presented the

### REPORT OF THE TELLERS OF ELECTION

The following is the result of the official ballot of the Bretton Woods Conference of the American Library Association, held July 2, 1909.

	No. of votes
<b>For President:</b>	
N. D. C. Hodges, Cincinnati.....	154
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C. H. MILAM

C. E. RUSH

Tellers of Election.

**THE PRESIDENT:** There is perhaps no class of persons in regard to whom the words are more appropriate, "We are such stuff as dreams are made of, and our little life is rounded with a sleep," than presi-

dents of the American Library Association. It seems but a few days to me since we were all at Minnetonka and you, in the person of my honored predecessor, handed me this gavel and confided it to my keeping, bestowing with it the responsibility and the honor that always accompany it. I wish now most cordially to thank the many friends who by their kind help have enabled me in some measure to meet the responsibilities of the past year. And especially do I wish to thank the members of the Executive board, my colleagues, for their continued and cordial co-operation and support. To each one I owe an especial debt of gratitude. One of them alone you have placed me in a position to repay with something more than words.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to hand to Mr Hodges this symbol of office, with my most hearty congratulations upon the honor that you have done him and my most cordial wishes and certain hopes for a successful year's administration. We shall all support him, I know, and I confidently predict for his year of office the success which it is my earnest hope may attend him and this Association.

**PRESIDENT-ELECT HODGES:** "Mr President"—I must so address you once more—and members of the Association. As I was listening to Dr Crothers, I was reminded of the constitution of a scientific paper. The connection may not at first be obvious. In a well written scientific paper, the record of a research, the paper starts with a few paragraphs giving the connection of what is new, what the author has recorded as new, with what has been done in the past. Those few introductory paragraphs are comparatively intelligible. Following those introductory paragraphs comes a description of the apparatus used, which is generally very difficult reading; then the methods and the results in the form of tables, the technical part; which no one is inclined to read or to get the meat out of unless he is absolutely forced to the task. In the end, if the writer is kind hearted, he gives in one or two paragraphs a summary of his results, the meaning of the whole thing. In a way there is a parallel in the delibera-